

**MINUTES  
PHYSICAL THERAPY  
UTAH  
LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**November 16, 2005**

**Room 457 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 2:00 P.M.  
Heber Wells Building**

**CONVENED:** 2:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 3:55 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Noel Taxin  
Karen McCall

**Board Members Present:**

Margo Jones Brady, Chairperson  
Mark A. Anderson  
Susan A. Doucette  
Edmund L. Sperry

**Board Members Absent:**

Misha Bradford

**Guests:**

Ray Walker, Division Regulatory and  
Compliance Officer  
Bob Hayden  
Kim W. Reid  
Ed Dierringer

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Read and approve the October 25, 2005  
Minutes.

Ms. Doucette made a motion to approve the minutes  
as read. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. **The  
Board vote was unanimous.**

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Report from Ms. Jones Brady regarding Laws  
and Rules for PTA's from other States

This report was deferred to the 2:30 appointment  
discussion.

Report from Ms. Taxin regarding including CE  
in the Rules

Ms. Taxin reported that Continuing Education (CE)  
cannot be included in the rule as it is not referred to in  
the law. Ms. Taxin stated that the law must be  
changed to require CE and then the rule would define

the requirements.

Mr. Dierringer, Mr. Reid and Mr. Hayden responded that they would approach the Association to start the process of including CE in the practice act.

Report from Ms. Taxin regarding a Laws and Rules presentation at the University of Utah

Ms. Taxin reported that she called Mark Anderson at the U of U and made arrangements to give a presentation on December 1, 2005.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **2:30 P.M.**

Physical Therapy Assistant Licensure  
Discussion

Mr. Walker stated that the Physical Therapy Practice Act has not been updated for many years and is in need of changes. Mr. Walker distributed a model practice act for Board members and Association representatives to review. Mr. Walker stated that changes must follow the model format. Mr. Walker further stated that many Associations also have a model and the Utah Association may consider reviewing both the Association and State models.

Ms. Jones Brady remarked that she obtained several practice acts from other States and Physical Therapy Assistants are included in licensing.

Ms. Jones Brady made a motion for the Association to start the process of rewriting the Utah Physical Therapy Practice Act and include licensure for Physical Therapy Assistants and a requirement for Continuing Education.

Susan Doucette seconded the motion.

**The Board vote was unanimous.**

**The Board requested the Association involve the Board and Division by reporting on the progress.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Foreign Education Evaluations

Ms. Taxin discussed questions that have come to the Bureau regarding foreign education evaluations. Ms. Taxin stated that Utah has only accepted the Foreign

Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) evaluation as the Division contract with FSBPT for using their examination includes using the FCCPT foreign education evaluation tool. Ms. Taxin stated that questions from foreign educated individuals regarding accepting other evaluations has precipitated research to determine if there are other evaluation organizations that could be accepted. Ms. Taxin stated that the Bureau found the International Consultants of Delaware, Inc (ICD) and the International Education Research Foundation (IERF) use the same evaluation tool as FCCPT.

Mr. Sperry made a motion for the Division to obtain a report from ICD and from IERF and compare those to the FCCPT reports, if the ICD and IERF reports are equivalent to the FCCPT report then start the process to incorporate them into the rules.

Mr. Anderson seconded the motion.

**The Board vote was unanimous.**

Mr. Walker commented that if the ICD and IERF are privatized from the Federation, there would be no need to make a rule change.

Legislative Issues

None at this time.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**

February 8, 2006 to further discuss updating the Law.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:**

3:55 P.M.

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Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Physical Therapy Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing